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Applicant: Peter James Watts

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Examiner: P. Williams

For: COLONIC DELIVERY OF WEAK ACID DRUGS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2000, please amend the application as follows.

A Petition for an Extension of Time extending the time to respond one month, to and including May 21, 2000, is enclosed, along the appropriate fee.

In the Claims

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16. (Twice amended) ~~The method of claim 15 wherein the salt is [prepared as part of a preparation process for] made in a solution used in the coating of the inner cores.~~

Please add the following new claims.

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--23. The method of ~~claim 15~~ wherein the salt, after being made, is recovered in solid form before coating onto the inner cores.--

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